

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **October 11, 2011** at 7:30 pm in the Town of Chester Municipal Center Chestertown, NY.

Roll Call: Fred Monroe, Edna Wells, Karen DuRose and Steve Durkish. Mike Packer - absent. Mark Schachner - Attorney for Town.

RESOLUTION #130: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 4TH MEETING.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mr.Durkish to accept minutes of the September 14th and October 4th meeting. AYE 4 NO 0

Privilege of the floor:

Arnold Jensen - presented specs for a boat for Loon Lake patrolling. He also had information from Loon Lake Marina about a boat that is for sale. Boat is 18', 115 hp Evinrude motor, about 140 used hours, and Arnold felt that this boat is opened space for work convenience. Approx price \$9000. Trailer is included, but not needed. Board request that Arnold get more quotes.

RESOLUTION #131: SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR NOVEMBER.

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2nd by Mr.Durkish to set date for November 9, 2011 (Wednesday) at 7:15 pm for public hearing on the 2012 Preliminary Budget and to continue at 7:30 pm with the regular town board meeting for November. (because election day is November 8th, which is the second Tuesday of the month and the regular town board meeting date, meeting date is changed to November 9)

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New Business:

Solar power contract - still waiting for schedules A and B. Mr.Schachner has drafted some changes for the contract and is waiting to hear from the company.

RESOLUTION #132: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN SOLAR POWER CONTRACT, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY COUNSEL.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mr.Durkish authorizing Supervisor Monroe to sign Solar Power Contract subject to approval by Counsel.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION #133: AUTHORIZE SALE OF BOBCAT, WITH A MINIMUM BID.

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2nd by Mrs.Wells authorizing sale of old bobcat, with a minimum bid of \$3,000. Sale will not include attachments that can be used on new bobcat. AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION #134: ADVERTISE FOR PLANNING BOARD MEMBER AND ALTERNATES.

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2nd by Mrs.DuRose to advertise for planning board member to fill the vacancy of Ken Raisner (term ends April 21, 2014) and alternates for planning board.

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Pottersville playground - recommendation from Warren County soil and water conservation- recommendation was to torch/burn the weed and proceed as was reviewed last month.

Bobcat funding - \$24,000 from waterfront project line A7110.45 and \$2,000 from A5410.2 sidewalks - Supervisor Monroe reported on where funding can come from for new bobcat.

NYSERDA energy audit - cost for audit \$400 and to be included in the abstract. Recommendations: new light bulbs and ballast, and consider a walk-in cooler instead of all the refrigerators and freezers. Supervisor Monroe stated that National Grid has a program that may pay some cost on energy efficiency, and he is checking on that.

Sign variance application - discussion on increasing the size of the actual sign to 40 sq.ft, this would allow for space needed in listing offices, etc. and also the have three lines for listing of meetings and events.

Report on meeting with Delaware Water Engineers - Supervisor Monroe reported: scope of work under grant and proposal is to do new application (second grant). The engineers will need to analyze the 2 water districts - number of users in and outside of district; if charges are adequate (taxes and user fees); upgrades needed for the systems (Pottersville has leaks); extending of district in Chestertown; and if the tank is adequate. Proposal has not yet been received from engineers yet.

RESOLUTION #135: REQUEST FOR BOTTLES FOR OAS STUDENT GROUP.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, 2nd by Mr. Durkish approve request of Bernie McCann, NWCS teacher, for OAS student group to collect refundable bottles at the transfer station after the Daisy Scouts have completed their two month period. AYE 4 NO 0

2012 Health insurance options - MVP not offering current plan proposing 8.27% increase - Supervisor Monroe stated that MVP is offering a different plan Trivantage Option 3, which is closest to present plan. Alternate option would be CDPHP, which would be a substantial savings, benefits may not be as good, but the savings could be split between the town and employees by placing one-half the annual savings in a Health Care Reimbursement Account for each employee (this has been done in the past). Memo has been given to union President (Jamie Dunkley) and is waiting to hear from the union.

Supervisor Moses, from Town of Schroon, has requested a 10% increase for milfoil control for Schroon Lake, in Town of Chester 2012 budget. Supervisor Monroe will make this change in the budget. Amount would not be a lot. Lycott is evaluating the milfoil work.

Request for sign stating that there is a leash law in the Town of

Chester, for dogs. Supervisor Monroe will check on ordering this.

RESOLUTION #136: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT AND APPROVE CLAIMS PAID PRIOR TO AUDIT AND AMENDMENTS TO 2011 BUDGET.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mrs.DuRose authorizing payment of abstract and approve budget amendments:

General Fund	\$27,660.88 (437-483)
#460 held at this time for payment	
#483 included payment for energy audit	
Highway Fund	\$69,743.31 (183-206)
Chestertown water	\$ 2,842.75 (44- 49)
Pottersville Water	\$ 2,492.72 (48- 54)
Library	\$ 45.52 (46- 47)

Copy of budget amendments attached to minutes.

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Motion by Mr.Monroe meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Town Clerk